

Operating a multiple radial drill press is all in a day's work for Lloyd Holdridge.

SOCIETY SUCCESS STORY

Lloyd Holdridge appears to be an average young man. He is 38 years old, married and the father of two fine children. He lives in his own home at 2722 Chestnut St. and has been a regular employee of Hadley Mfg. Co. for over ten years. His employer says there is hardly a job in the plant Lloyd cannot do, and those he can do, he does well.

Lloyd likes to play cards, has bowled in The Society's bowling club and enjoys taking the family to Camp in the summer.

What makes Lloyd stand a little taller than most men is the fact he lost his eyesight in an industrial accident when he was just 19 years old.

Lloyd's success didn't happen over night, and Lloyd will be the first to tell you he couldn't have done it alone. It required years of hard work; attending schools, practicing, and accepting help from many unseen friends. But the point is, Lloyd has succeeded, and his story is worth passing on to anyone you know that is facing this difficult—but not impossible—adjustment.

SOCIETY WELCOMES VISITORS

Come and visit us. We will not only take you through the building and show you what we are doing, but we will give you a cup of tea or a soft drink and a cookie.

Individuals and groups of visitors are always welcome. Our regular hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., and, of course, special visits can be scheduled for anytime.

HELEN JOHNSON

Helen Johnson is by far one of the most interesting and active persons at The Society. She is a past president of the Toledo Council for the Blind and her participation in all activities of The Society have set a wonderful example for others coming to The Society for the first time. Her wonderful sense of humor always brightens the social gatherings and our week at Camp Yutika.

An accomplished seamstress, Helen makes many of her own dresses. When sewing for the Homebound Department, she keeps the Homebound director busy just supplying her with work. Her excellent workmanship has earned her as much as \$700 to \$800 a year to help with the family's extra expenses.

The most surprising fact about Mrs. Johnson is, she has managed to do all this while keeping a neat and pleasant home for her husband and FIVE children. The two youngest Johnsons, Paul 11 and Raymond 15, have never been seen by their mother.



Mrs. Johnson (R) shares a story with Mrs. Rosalyn Snow at annual Volunteers luncheon.

WHAT'S IN THE PICTURE?



GLASSES—Here are 600 pair that were collected at The Society to be shipped to New Eyes for the Needy, Inc. "New Eyes for the Needy" sends these glasses to different parts of the world where they are sorted by experienced optometrists and ophthalmologists and given to those in need.

Don't throw away your old glasses—bring them down to us and we will see they are sent to help someone else.

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YOUR EYES AND THE EYE BANK

SOME FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

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The Toledo Society for the Blind has received many questions about the EYE BANK, if they need eyes and how to make arrangements to donate eyes after death.

The central EYE BANK is located in New York City. It accepts eyes from people who wish to donate them and then sends the eyes when and where they are needed. However, the EYE BANK cannot store the eyes as the eyes must be used almost immediately, or at least within forty-eight hours. There are a very limited number of blind people that can be helped with "new eyes" and fortunately the supply is usually greater than the need.

However, as no one can predict the future need, or the number of donor's eyes that will be available at a given time, it is very necessary that sighted people continue to donate their eyes and to pre-plan the donation so it can be accomplished quickly, before the eyes lose their value.

The encouragement for people to pre-plan their gift is no guarantee the eyes will reach a blind person, but with enough people willing to give, we hope eyes will continue to be available to the blind when they are needed.

If you would like to donate your eyes, after your death, we suggest you follow this procedure: First, the next time you see your Ophthalmologist ask him if your eyes can be used. Eyes wear out and there are various other reasons why certain eyes cannot be used. Second, ask The Society for the Blind to supply you with the necessary forms that need to be prepared. You should have your intent forms on file with The Society or The Academy of Medicine and you must alert your relatives of your wishes. The next of kin

must notify the doctor and give written permission after death before your eyes can be given to someone else. Your will is not a satisfactory substitute for the correct forms, as it is usually too late by the time it is read. Your attorney can help you in filling out and filing the forms.

CORNEAL TRANSPLANT

The eye operation that uses the donor's eyes is called a Corneal Transplant or Keratoplasty. It is often inadvertently called the eye ball replacement operation, which is misleading, as it is merely the replacement of the front of the eye which is called the cornea (see Fig.1). It is impossible to replace an eyeball since the Optic Nerve which has several million fibres running in it cannot be satisfactorily spliced.

The illustration (Fig.2) reveals the part of the cornea which is transplanted. This operation will produce a return of vision **only** when the loss of vision is due to a scarring, or clouding condition, of the cornea. This corneal scarring, or clouding, may be the result of an injury or possibly a disease, which produces a situation such as might happen when one tries to look through a frosted glass. The number of corneal transplants performed are very small in comparison to the total number of eye operations performed.

A more common cause of loss of vision is due to a cataract. A cataract occurs when the lens of the eye becomes cloudy or opaque. The treatment of a cataract is to surgically remove the lens.

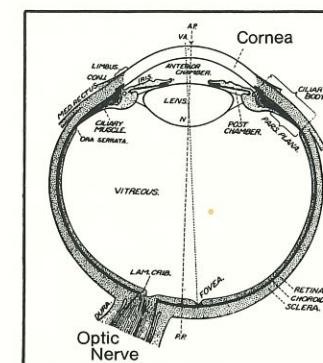


Fig. 1

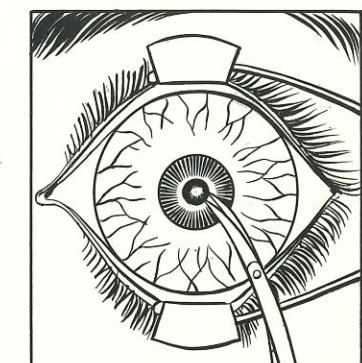


Fig. 2



CAMP YUKITA

Each year many of Toledo's blind enjoy a weeks vacation at Camp Yu-Ki-Ta on Catawba Island. Because of the growing support of our Christmas Card Program and contributions from many individuals and groups (particularly the Zonta Club, one of our longtime supporters) the Society is able to rent the camp for one week each year.

We charge \$8.00 per person, which covers everything including bus transportation from Toledo to Camp and return.

Boat rides for the blind are furnished by Society Trustee Tom Day. Tom brings up his cabin cruiser and spends a day making four trips, each lasting 1 1/2 hrs. On Thursday, we rent a larger boat to take everyone who wants to go, fishing.

Much like any other camp, most of the week is just for visiting, swimming and games, except for the Thursday night amateur show. The whole program is created and performed by blind people, many of whom are wonderful musicians and entertainers.

The most popular feature of any camp is the food. There are blind people who never seem to have enough correct food to eat so at Camp Yu-Ki-Ta we see that there is plenty, even between meals.

Mrs. Edna Thompson, who prepares most of the meals served at The Society, also prepares the food at Camp. She is assisted by Mrs. Gladys Frazier, Volunteer Supervisor and Mrs. Margaret Peters, who makes deliveries for our Home Industries Department.

In addition to the kitchen staff, many blind and sighted volunteers help by serving table, cleaning the cabins, life guard service, swimming instruction, crafts, games, hiking, tours and fishing.

This year camp will start August 15th. You are welcome to come out anytime, but you have a special invitation for the Thursday night amateur show. Be our guest, you'll enjoy it.

Ed Larde, blind, receives swimming lesson from life guard Ron Gregorsok.

Blind campers Donald Denser, Susan Ash, and Mary Ellen Reiling enjoy "Cookout" at camp.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will have three all new Christmas Cards this year. One for personal use, one with a more conservative design for business and one with a spiritual motif. Samples of cards will be ready for delivery to you July 1st. Call CH 3-8239 or fill in the enclosed card and we will send them to you.

These cards are sent to you, no charge and you make a contribution to The Society for whatever you see fit. If you have a question as to how much to contribute, we suggest the amount you contribute would be the amount you ordinarily spend for Christmas cards. Your contribution is tax deductible.

All of our objectives can be stated in a few words. To do all we can within the limits of our money and facilities for all the near blind and blind children, adults and the rapidly increasing number of elderly people who have sight problems, irrespective of nationality, sex or religion.

The services we perform depend upon the funds that are made available to us. Support us by using our Christmas Cards this year. You will find the recipient will appreciate and respect your decision.

A SPECIAL "THANKS" TO THE VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers
John Grindle,
Freeman Crampton,
and Charles McPherson

From left to right:
Mrs. Walter Logan
Mrs. John Kennedy
Mrs. Lester Heiden
Mrs. Nelson White
Mrs. Clyde Van Tassell
and
Mrs. Nelson Weisenberger



It would be impossible for The Society to serve the blind as it does without the help of volunteers.

During 1964, hundreds of volunteers helped in The Society's programs ranging from the Children's Group to the Happy Times Club.

One of the greatest outpouring of volunteers comes during the Christmas season when seventy men and women of the Lions Club assist in making our Christmas program a success. The Happy Times Club is aided by the Philanthropy group of the Toledo Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Visual Service Guild serves the Society's Progressive Club. The volunteer callers, who call on the blind to read, visit, and urge them to attend the activities of The Society; the youth groups that help our Camp, and the many singing groups and speakers that entertain at the Family Night Programs—all fulfill very important needs in the lives of our blind people. We have volunteers that visit individual blind persons two or three times a month to read their mail, do their shopping, etc.

There is no possible way to thank everyone who has helped The Society, but once a year The Society does recognize the volunteer's services at a luncheon served at The Society headquarters. Here the volunteers receive their "pay" in the form of a red rose.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND AND ITS TRUSTEES



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THE TOLEDO SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND is a red feather agency handling all the eye problems that come to it from the area served by the Toledo United Appeal. The Society is a local agency and is directed by long-time residents. The trustees, who we proudly introduce here, serve without pay or expense money. If you wish to know about The Society and the work it is doing, any one of these men will be glad to answer your questions.

YOU CAN HELP!

If you are interested in eye conservation and in helping those with sight problems, you can do so by making a contribution, either now or in your will. Contributions to the Toledo Society for the Blind are tax deductible. To be sure your contribution reaches those in need, we suggest you give to your home town agency where your money is handled by local people whom you know and trust—not funneled into expensive money raising promotions or high salaries for promoters.

There are many efficiently run charities, but you constantly read of charitable drives that collect big money, but very little ever gets to the charity it was designated for. We quote from THE REPORT of the Toledo Better Business Bureau:

"Actor John Wayne has now requested that his name, likeness and implied endorsement be removed from all mailings seeking funds in behalf of the National Foundation for Asthmatic Children, Tuscon, Arizona.

Wayne, through his son, Michael, stated he felt the administration and solicitation costs for the appeal are too high. Investigation revealed that the NFAC collected \$1,247,490 in 1963-64 from its nationwide appeal for funds, of which 74 percent of the funds raised went for direct fund raising costs and administrative costs took another 14 percent! Thus, only 13 percent or \$170,000 actually was used for asthmatic children."

As the BBB says, "GIVE . . . BUT GIVE WISELY." Incidentally the cost of this newsletter has always and is being paid for by The Toledo Downtown Lions Club. Photographs are taken by Robert Packo, who has never charged us a penny! and the copy is written by the staff.

The Society's books are audited by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co.



Lyle O. Kirk is Executive Director and the man responsible for the day to day management of the Society's many programs for the blind. The other officers are John Goerlich, President; William Comte, Vice President; Franklin Schroeder, Treasurer, Walter Cline, Secretary and Walter Hartough, Auditor.



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